

April 20, 2012

Stockton, Calif. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) will hold an exhibition of all of the entries into the 2012 Congressional Art Competition on May 14th from 4 to 8 pm. The exhibition will be hosted by the Stockton Art League at the Elsie May Goodwin Gallery at 1902 Pacific Ave. in Stockton. The winners will be announced at 7 pm.

“I look forward to this competition every year. I am always surprised by the talent and passion of the young artists from our region. I encourage high school students from our community to participate in this year’s competition.”

The competition is part of the nationwide annual Congressional Art Competition intended to showcase the artistic talents and abilities of students all across the country. Every year, Members of Congress are welcome to hold their own competition in their home districts. Then, the winning artwork from each district is then displayed in a busy corridor that leads to the U.S. Capitol, used daily by Members of Congress and visitors to Washington, D.C. In addition, the grand prize winner from the 11th District will be flown with a guest to Washington, D.C. to attend an awards ceremony in June.

The second, third and fourth place winners will also have their work displayed in one of Congressman McNerney’s three offices, located in Washington, D.C., Stockton and Pleasanton. A panel of judges will select the winning entries and their decision will be announced at a special ceremony and exhibit.

“I want to remind interested high school students that the deadline for submissions is next Friday, April 27th. I encourage all of the talented artists in our community to submit their artwork in the next week,” said Rep. McNerney.

Rules for Submissions:

The contest is open to all high school-aged students who reside in the 11th District. Artwork is due by April 27, 2012 and can be submitted at either of Congressman McNerney's district offices. The address for the Stockton office is 2222 Grand Canal Blvd., Suite 7, Stockton, CA 95207 and the address for the Pleasanton office is 5776 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Suite 175, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

Guidelines for the Congressional Art Competition include the following:

- Artwork must be two-dimensional.
- Each piece can be no larger than 28" x 28" x 4" (28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep), including the frame.
- Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.
- Acceptable media for artwork are as follows:
 - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
 - Collage
 - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - Mixed Media: use of more than two medias such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
 - Computer-Generated Art
 - Photography

Students and teachers interested in the Congressional Art Competition should contact Cheri Clasen in Rep. McNerney's Pleasanton office at 925-737-0727 for further guidelines and information.